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- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 ☐ \$740.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted , on , for which continued examination is requested.
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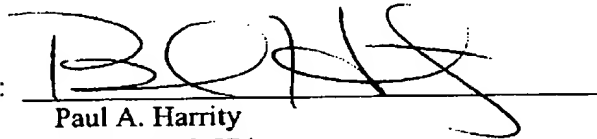
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